



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/082,678	02/25/2002	Stewart L. Atkinson	092246-9035-03	8406
23409	7590	09/21/2004		EXAMINER
		MICHAEL BEST & FRIEDRICH, LLP 100 E WISCONSIN AVENUE MILWAUKEE, WI 53202		WILLSE, DAVID H
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			3738	

DATE MAILED: 09/21/2004

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

8

APPLICATION NO./ CONTROL NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
---------------------------------	-------------	---	---------------------

EXAMINER

ART UNIT      PAPER

20040920

DATE MAILED:

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner for Patents

Dave Willse  
Primary Examiner  
Art Unit: 3738

The copies of foreign patent documents and other documents associated with the Information Disclosure Statement of May 17, 2004, originally filed on February 26, 2003, have been located and included in the electronic version of the present application. The examiner will consider said Information Disclosure Statement when the next Office action on the merits is made.

The reply filed on May 17, 2004, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omissions or matters:

The Applicant's response does not indicate which claims are readable on the elected species (Office action mailed on May 20, 2003: page 2, lines 16-17). The remarks also fail to particularly point out the support for several of the newly added claims and claim limitations (notably, claims 41, 112, 113, 115, 116, 118, 119, 121, 122, 124, 125; MPEP 714.02). The Applicant may group together dependent claims with similar further limitations. If the Applicant is asserting that a certain claim is supported by the great-grandparent application serial no. 08/602,241, then reference should be made to US 5,800,568 rather than to the instant application.

Attention is directed to 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dave Willse whose telephone number is (703) 308-2903, and as of November 2, 2004, will be (571) 272-4762. The examiner can normally be reached Monday

Art Unit: 3738

through Thursday and often on Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott, can be reached on (703) 308-2111. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858.



**Dave Willse**  
**Primary Examiner**  
**Art Unit 3738**